

REMARKS

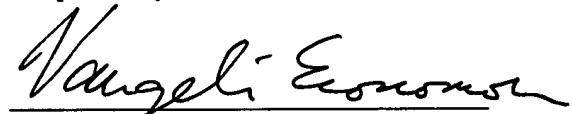
Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2004 requiring an election between Group I, Claims 1-5 drawn to a resistor and Group II, Claims 6-13 drawn to a method of making the resistor. Applicant has elected Claims 1-5, drawn to the resistor structure for further prosecution in this application, without traverse. Applicant reserves the option of filing a divisional application to pursue Claims 6-13, drawn to the method of manufacturing the resistor. New Claims 14 and 15 have been added to more specifically point out and claim the subject matter of Applicant's invention. Support for the new claims is found at page 7, lines 1-14, and at page 3, lines 20-24, respectively.

Additionally, in this application certain formal preliminary amendments are made to the specification and to Claim 1. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

It is considered that the claims, as amended, find support in the application specification as filed. No new matter is added. Accordingly, search and consideration of the patentability of the invention as claimed are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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